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**Natural Resources**  
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## MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

**Description of proposal:** North Springs VRH & VDT Timber Sale, App. No. 85040, and Forest Practice Application No. 2810976. Even-aged harvest of 2,149 MBF of timber from 39.9 acres and uneven-aged harvest of 1,169 MBF of timber from 61.1 acres for a total harvest of 3,318 MBF from 101 acres. Proposal includes 2009 feet of road construction, 3008 feet of road reconstruction, and up to 4237 feet of temporary road construction to be abandoned if built.

**Description of mitigation:** See attached sheet.

**Proponent:** Department of Natural Resources.

**Location of proposal, including street address, if any:** Sections 20, 26, 27 and 35 of Township 40 North, Range 06 East, W.M. Proposal is located 4 miles east of Maple Falls, in Whatcom County, off of Highway 542, BB-ML and BB-01 Roads.

**Lead agency:** Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from February 03, 2010. Comments must be submitted by February 17, 2010.

**Responsible official:** William J. Wallace

**Position/title:** Northwest Region Manager **Phone:** 360-856-3500

**Address:** 919 North Township Street, Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** William Wallace

There is no agency SEPA appeal.

## MITIGATED MEASURES

### **North Springs VRH & VDT Timber Sale, App. No. 85040**

#### Streams:

- 4 type 4 streams with a 100-foot, no-harvest buffer.
- 7 type 5 streams with a 30-foot, equipment limitation zones.

#### Slope Stability:

Potentially unstable areas were bounded out of this proposal.

#### Roads:

Exposed soils on cut and fill slopes will be revegetated to lessen sediment impact to streams. 4,237 feet of road will be abandoned after completion of use.

#### Green tree retention and wildlife:

An average of eight of the existing trees per acre has been designated to be left uncut on the variable retention portion of the proposal. These trees are both scattered and clumped throughout the proposed harvest area. Approx. 140 trees/acre will remain after harvest in the variable density thinning area of the proposal.

#### Logging methods:

Proposal will be yarded by cable and ground-based systems. Leading end of logs will be suspended during yarding.